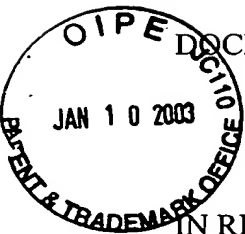


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11-13, 20-36, and 39-52.~~

Please add the following claims.

~~53. An isolated polynucleotide from *Corynebacterium* which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the protein has the activity of SEQ ID NO: 2.~~

54. The polynucleotide of Claim 53, which comprises nucleotides 201 to 1109 of SEQ ID NO: 1.